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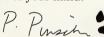
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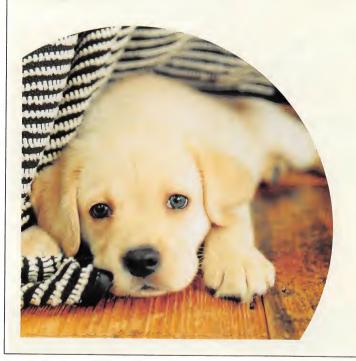
# Reality Bites

#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Performing the seemingly impossible task of putting a pack of puppies into your Nintendo DS, Nintendogs gives one food for thought. Just how real are those critters on the other side of the screen? You can treat Nintendogs as

if they were actual flesh and fur canines—train them, feed them and give them the attention that every dog desires. New Puppy magazine helps you do just that. Follow the advice within these pages, and your little buddy will be eating out of your hand!





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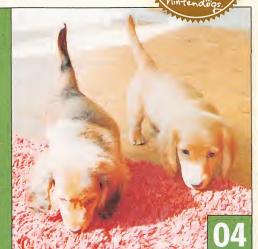
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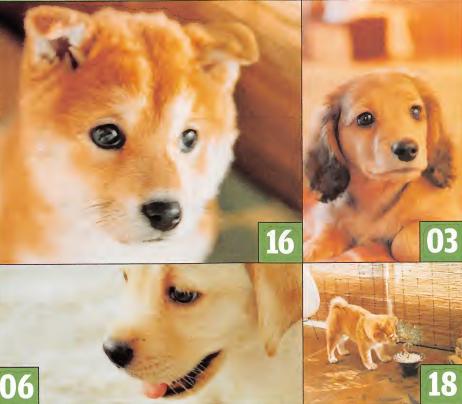
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# For every person, th

## DO DOGS REALLY LOOK LIKE THEIR OWNERS? PICK ONE AND SEE THE SIMILARITIES.

By I.M. Furry

A ll puppies have an innate excitement and willingness to please, but there are very noticeable differences between the breeds, and between individual Nintendogs. Six breeds are available from the outset in each of the three versions of Nintendogs, though more will arrive as you earn Trainer Points and interface with other owners in Bark mode. The choices you make when you select your first pup will speak volumes about your own personality. Do you like docile intelligence or wigged-out happiness?

some time with each dog and pick the one that connects with you the most.

#### Labrador & Friends

Independence or a constant need for validation? Spend

Labrador Retriever Miniature Pinscher Toy Poodle Pembroke Welsh Corgi Miniature Schnauzer Shiba Inu

#### **SMART CHOICE**

Intelligent, gentle and kind, Labrador retrievers are duty-bound to serve their masters, and they can be bundles of pure energy as puppies. No wonder they're among the most popular dogs around!





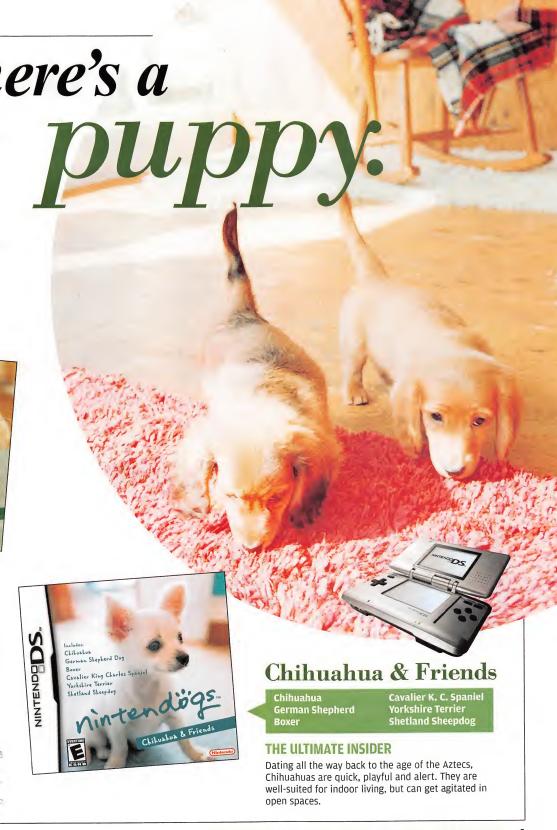
#### Dachshund & Friends

Miniature Dachshund Golden Retriever Beagle

Pug Siberian Husky Shih Tzu

#### **HOT DOG!**

Dachshunds' long bodies have caused some to call them wiener dogs, yet that hasn't kept the breed from having a bold, confident demeanor. Their highly attuned noses make them excellent hunters.

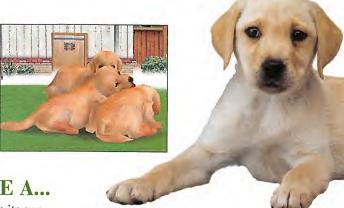


# Dog Day One

## YOU CAN MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION ONLY ONCE. GET OFF ON THE RIGHT PAW WITH YOUR PUP.

By Thirsten Howl

Puppies are impressionable and needy. There's no such thing as giving your dog too much attention. Calm it down, pet it and let it know that you're going to give it a good home. It'll respond in kind and at least try to behave.



#### YOU LOOK LIKE A...

Once your dog is familiar with its surroundings and has had some quality time with you, it will be calm enough for you to name it. Use its name often and continue to give it lots of attention.



Look at your new buddy. Think about what its name should be, clear your throat and record.

#### SPEAK!

When you talk into the microphone, speak clearly from about six

inches away. Upon hearing its name for the first time, your dog will show acknowledgement by producing a lightbulb icon.



#### **BUY THE BASICS**

When you tap on your dog's name from the Home screen, you'll bring up its Status screen. Hunger, thirst and a dirty coat are status-screen conditions that you can take care of with items from the store.

#### **SHOPPING LIST**

There are four must-have items in the store at the start. Buy the expendables in large quantities.



The less expensive of two food types (dry) will suffice.



Give your dog water with meals and after exercise.



Groom your pup with a rubber or wire brush.



If your dog is dirty, give it a bath with shampoo.



#### YOU COMPLETE ME

Puppies have constant needs. Luckily, Nintendogs are more forgiving than most, but they still beg for your attention.



#### **FEED AND WATER**

By keeping your dog well-fed and quenched, you will have a happier pup who listens to your commands.



#### **KEEP CLEAN**

Shampoo and brush your dog regularly, and immediately before obedience trials.



#### **CURB YOUR PET**

On walks, your pup will produce solid waste. Tap the poop to put it in a bag and avoid the ire of other dog owners.

Nintendogs like consistency. If you feed them at the same time every day, you'll gain Trainer Points. You'll lose points if you neglect them for three days running.

#### **FOLLOW A DAILY ROUTINE**

You can shirk your duties without major consequences, but it's best to stick to a daily schedule.



- **X** FEED YOUR PUP DAILY
- **X** GIVE IT WATER DAILY
- **X** BATHE IT EVERY OTHER DAY
- BRUSH IT AFTER BATHING IT
- **X** REINFORCE TRICKS DAILY
- X TAKE YOUR DOG ON DAILY WALKS
- PRAISE YOUR POOCH CONSTANTLY

# Teacher's Pet

## PUPPIES LEARN QUICKLY AND RESPOND TO ENCOURAGEMENT.

By Ken U. Changethis

Teaching your dog tricks gives it a sense of responsibility and readies it for obedience trials, where you'll earn cash and points. The more you repeat a trick, the longer your dog will sustain it.



#### TEACH, REPEAT

Dogs learn through repetition. When your pup performs a trick, record the trick's voice command. A light-



bulb-shaped reward will appear—feed it to your puppy. After repeating a trick several times, your dog will know it for good.

#### Have a Seat

With your pup facing you, pat its head then move your



stylus down in a smooth stroke. The dog will sit and the training icon will appear. Tap it to record the voice command, then pat your puppy.



The command "Sit Down" is more recognizable than the shortened "Sit." Use it for a quick response.

НАРРУ РИРРУ

When your dog does something that makes you happy, return the favor by making it happy. Pet it and feed it treats that pop up onscreen.



#### **GET TRICKY**

Read the Dog Training Book in the Care section of the Supplies menu to learn tips for teaching more tricks.

#### Jump Up, Pup!

At its most playful, when your dog is kneeling and shaking its behind, it's ready to learn how to jump.



Tap the space above its head to coax the dog to leap. Record the voice command, then get ready for the next jump.

#### **Put Her There!**

Though dogs don't like it when you handle their paws, yours will make an exception when you're teaching it how to shake.

#### Tell a Lie

When your dog is in sitting position, scratch its head and move your stylus downward to make the dog lie down. From that position, you can teach your young charge to play dead and roll over.

#### **Expert Advice**

Your puppy can learn up to 14 tricks (but only a few per day). If you hit the limit, you'll have to make it forget some tricks before it can learn more.

## **WALK AND ROLL**

WHERE YOU GO, I GO BUDDY. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

#### WALK THE DOG

Playing, barking and learning tricks are all well and good, but the best form of puppy exercise is stretching the old



legs. Repeated walks increase your dog's stamina.

#### PRESENTS PRESENCE

Your pup will grab some gifts, but it'll pass by those that are not on the map unless you give it a tug.



#### **KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Choose a new route every time you take a walk, but make sure your dog has th



your dog has the stamina to go home.

#### **PARKIT**

Look at the map before you draw the path. One park will have dogs in it. The other

it. The other one will be empty (great for disc practice).



#### **DON'T EAT THAT!**

If your dog is hungry, it'll stop at garbage bags and try to chow down. Use the leash

to pull your

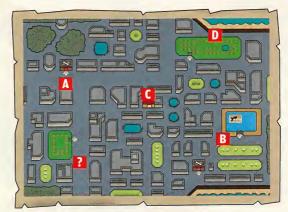


#### A Discount Store

You'll find cheap and occasionally rare items at two discount stores.

#### **B** Gymnasium

Take your dog to the gym in preparation for agility trials.



#### ? Encounters

Question marks denote set gift spots or dog encounters.

#### **C** Home

Every route must start and end at home base.

#### D Go Long

If you wander far, you'll likely find rare gifts. Keep reaching.

## A PUPPY SHOW PRIMER: TEACH YOUR

# Show and Tell

#### PREPARE FOR FIERCE COMPETITION ON THE TRICK-AND-TRIAL CIRCUIT.

By Archie Hubbs

 $I^{
m f}$  I've learned anything in my years as a competition commentator, folks, it's that the dog with the best score usually wins. And victories earn you cash, which is just as good as money.

#### **OBEDIENCE TRIALS**

The first three classes call for different sets of tricks, starting with sit, shake and lie down in Beginner Class. Groom your little competitor right before the contest, as looks do figure into the scoring.





An instruction and a time limit will appear at the

top of the screen. You must order your dog to perform the prescribed move before you can continue. The more you've practiced, the longer your dog will be able to hold the move.

#### THREE JUDGES, ONE SCORE

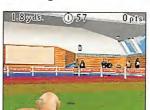
After you've gone through the motions, you'll receive a one-to-ten score from each of three

judges, based on vour dog's responsiveness and grooming. The scores will be averaged out for the final number.



#### **DISC COMPETITIONS**

Train for disc competitions in empty parks and call your Nintendog with repeated taps on the screen as soon as it catches the disc. There's no time for dawdling.



If the throw is angled, your pup will have to run to the left or right as it lunges forward, making a successful catch less likely.

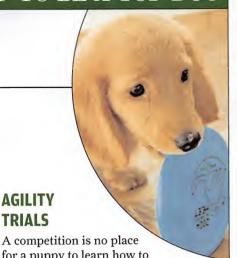


The longer the throw, the more points you'll earn, provided that your puppy catches it. Jumping catches carry a premium.

#### **Expert Advice**

You're limited to three competitions a day, A top-three finish takes you to a higher class. Fourth or worse drops you a class, so practice a lot before you compete.

#### PUP TO BE A TOP DOG

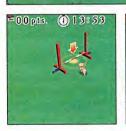


for a puppy to learn how to deal with a new apparatus. Walk it to the gym before each trial and train on

AGILITY TRIAL NINTENDO CUP BEGINNER CLASS

**AGILITY** TRIALS

> every piece of equipment until your dog is comfortable.



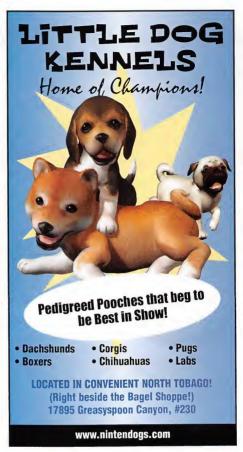


Lead your canine companion through the agility trial. At first, you'll have to double-tap objects to attract your dog to them. Eventually, it'll follow your stylus guidance in one free-flowing motion.

#### **GRAB THE GOLD**

If you're fast and free of errors, you'll earn the top spot in the rankings and move on to the next class, where you'll take on new challenges.







# Shake!

MAKE A CONNECTION WITH OTHER NINTENDOGS OWNERS BY WAY OF BARK MODE.



of different types of Nintendogs and Nintendogs owners. By

using Bark mode, you can exchange information and items with other owners through a wireless connection, and even make additional breeds available at your Nintendogs kennel.





#### **BEST PAW FORWARD**

The way you prepare for your meeting with another owner will have a big effect on the outcome, Beware, You can exchange breeds with a given owner only once.

#### **Select Your Puppy**

The puppy you choose to take into Bark mode will represent its breed. That breed will become available to owners you interact with.

Toy Exchange If you have your dog take a toy into Bark mode, it will give that item to the next dog it meets through your wireless connection.

## **Meet and Greet**

When your pup meets another pup, they'll both appear on your DS for as long as you wish, even after you're beyond the other Nintendogs owner's range.



#### THE WHITE ALBUM

Found in your Supplies menu, under Music, the White Record is capable of carrying a five-second-long message to another Nintendogs owner that you

meet in Bark mode. You can personalize the message for each encounter.



#### **TESTING. ONE. TWO.**

Select the White Record, tap the record button and drop the needle, then speak. You can laver multiple messages and erase the entire record.

#### NINTENDOGS NETWORKING

A successful meeting with another Nintendogs owner will result in that owner being added to your Friend List. Select the Go Out option, then the Info

option to access the list and other important information.



#### NO STRINGS ATTACHED

When you're within range of another Bark-mode-enabled owner, the connection will commence and info will start exchanging instantly.



The connection range is the same as it is for any wireless play.

#### **OPEN FIELD**

The biggest benefit you'll receive from a wireless connection with another owner is an exchange of breed information. If the other owner's selected dog is of a breed that was not available at your kennel, it will become available after the meeting.







## BRINGING UP



YOUR DOG DESERVES THE VERY BEST. GIVE IT EVERYTHING IT NEEDS.

By Diggery Dogsworth

Nonsidering how much cash you can earn in competitions, items and accessories are relatively inexpensive and infinitely valuable to your dog. Visit the store often to look for new items.







#### Cash Out

Although you could save your money for fancy furnishings and more dogs, the best thing that you can do with your greenbacks is to lavish them on the dogs that are currently in your care. Buy them the very best of everything that's available. After all, they deserve it.

#### \$5.00 \$10.00

**Black Leather Collar** 

#### **Earn Scratch**

Natural Dog Food

If you want to purchase items, you've got to pay the price. The best way to cash in is to compete at the highest level—specialize in one event and go to the championship. You can also sell items at the secondhand shop for a little extra dough.

#### **Expert Advice**

The rarest items are not for sale, but rather are things that you will pick up on walks. Plan a route to the outskirts to investigate question marks, and be very observant while your dog is walking. If your pup passes by a present, give the leash a quick tug. Your dog will stop and pick up the gift.



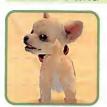
## Talk to the By "Doc" Sund

#### A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING YOUR PUPPY'S MANY MOODS

You speak English. Your puppy doesn't. But you can discern what your pup is trying to say through its body language. Watch your dog's moves, interpret the signs and react accordingly. You'll get along just fine.



#### **FULL-BODY WAG**



When your dog shakes its behind, it wants to play. Pull out your puppy's favorite toy and toss it around for a while.

#### SNAP BACK



Your dog will never bite you. but it might snap at you just a bit and yelp if you're poking, prodding or touching a sensitive area, like its paws. After all, it needs those feet to stand up.

#### IN-YOUR-FACE GREETING



When you whistle for your puppy, it'll smother you with attention and put both front paws on the screen to show that it's happy to see you. Distract it with the stylus to make it back off.

#### SHAKEN AND STIRRED



Nintendogs sometimes need a timeout in the middle of a training session. If your pup gets confused, frustration will ensue. Sit it down, pat its head and give it calm assurance.

#### **FLOP DOWN, ROLL OVER**



When you're training your dog, it'll drop to its side during downtime. Stroke its belly, then move the stylus over its body to make it roll over. Record the voice command and repeat.

#### **SPEAKING OUT**



When a siren sounds outside your Nintendogs house, your dog will react by barking. At the same time, the lightbulb icon will appeartime for you to teach pup the speak command.

#### **SLEEPY TIME**



For all of their energy, puppies do like to relax and take naps. Even if your little charge is dog-tired, though, you'll be able to get it to play at the slightest of suggestions.

#### WIGGED-OUT AND WACKY



There's only so much you can feed into your puppy's little brain at once. Once your dog is done learning, it might just go nuts for a while. Let it be.

# Calendar



THE KEY TO BONDING WITH YOUR DOG IS CONSISTENCY. USE OUR ACTIVITY CALENDAR TO PLAN YOUR TIME TOGETHER.

## October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
`25	26		28	29	30	Name your puppy and teach it how to sit.
Take a walk to the discount store.	Walk to the park and practice disctossing.	Enter a disc competition.	Teach your pup to lie down and shake.	6	Practice all of your puppy's com- mands.	Bathe and brush your puppy.
<b>9</b> Enter an obedience trial.	10 Walk to the gym for agility training.	11	12 Enter an agility trial.	13 Walk to the park to socialize.	14 Meet a friend in Bark mode.	Take an extralong walk to find presents.
Teach your pup to spin and roll over.		18	19 Bathe and brush your puppy.	Enter an advanced obedience trial.		
Practice disc-tossing at the park.	<b>24</b> Enter a disc competition.	25 Walk to the gym for agility train- ing.	26	27 Enter an agility trial.	28	20
Buy your puppy loads of new toys.	31	1	2	3	4	5



## Ask Dr. Paws\*

#### **SHE KNOWS NINTENDOGS**

\* Dr. Paws is not a licensed veterinarian, nor does she play one on TV. In fact, "Dr." is more of an honorary title than an official designation.

#### CLASSROOM CONFUSION

My Labrador and I have had a communication breakdown. I've taught him several tricks, but sometimes when I try to record my voice command. Fluffers looks at me as if I'm speaking a different language, and question marks float around her head. What's going on?

-PETUNIA CLARK, MI



Dr. Paws: It's simple. Petunia, Red question marks indicate that you did not speak into the mic clearly. Blue marks mean that the new command is too similar to an existing command.

#### DISC DILEMMA

I haven't been able to advance very far in disc competitions, Doc. Do you have any pointers for disctossing success?

-HARLAN CRANE MN

Dr. Paws: Go to an empty park and practice with your puppy. Toss the disc straight and far with a quick flip of the wrist. When your dog grabs the disc, tap the screen to get its attention so it develops the

habit of returning to you quickly. While competing, try to get an extra toss in when there are just seconds left on the clock. If time runs out when the disc is in the air. the throw will still count





#### POSSESSION OBSESSION

Hey, Dr. Paws. I'm a longtime fan, first-time writer. My Shiba Inu, Abigail, is the cutest dog ever, and I want to lavish her with accessories-hats and the like. I don't see much in the way of that sort of item in the stores. Where do I get them?

-STELLA MURPHY, WA



Dr. Paws: Walk Abigail to the fringes of the neighborhood. Stella. The best items are farthest from home. With every exercise, your dog's stamina will increase, allowing you to explore.

#### FOOD IS GOOD

Hi, Doc. How often should I feed and give water to my pug, Pikachu?

-RUFUS PARLIAMENT, MD

**Dr. Paws:** It pays to feed your dog on a regular schedule. You can also tell when Pikachu is hungry by looking at the dog's status screen.

#### TRICKY PROBLEM

I've taught my dog a lot of tricks and some of the voice commands are similar, leading to confusion. Is there any way that I can make my pup forget a few tricks so that I can start over?

-OLUNCY IOHNSON NY

Dr. Paws: Yes. Ouincy. You'll find a link to a trick list on the dog's Status screen. Tap it, then select the trick(s) you want to erase with a tap. You'll also

down roll over shake

want to erase tricks when you hit the limit of 14 learned tricks and want to teach your dog another one

#### DIRTY DOG

My Shetland sheepdog, Sir Barks-a-lot, has been taken over by little black specks and is scratching a lot. What's going on, doc?

## **Tricksters** TRAINING

- Does your numpy ignore you?
- Does your puppy run away?
- Does your puppy forget tricks?
- · Do you fail obedience training?



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#### Dr. Paws: Your dog has fleas! Give him a good bath

with the right kind of shampoo (long-hair shampoo for a Shetland sheepdog), then brush him with a wire brush. If you keep him on a regular bathing schedule, the fleas won't return.

#### **PUPPY FEVER**

I like puppies, Dr. Paws, Can't get enough of them. I've got two at home and three in the hotel, but I'd like more breeds to choose from. How do I get the kennel to bring in more dogs?

-TJ CLARK, CA

Dr. Paws: When you interface with another Nintendogs owner-one who has a different version of the gamethat owner's selected breed will become available to you. Also, new breeds will gradually appear as you gain Trainer Points.





